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Masonic Banquet

The members of the Vulcan Masonic Lodge held their annual banquet on Tuesday evening last, St. John's night, when a number of members of the fraternity from outside points were present.

The proceedings at the commencement of the evening were in connection with lodge work, when the officers for the coming year were installed by D. D. G. M., J. P. Graham, of Lethbridge, who was assisted by other brethren from Lethbridge.

The banquet followed, and a right royal feast was spread before the members, their wives and the guests.

W. M. Brother Carson occupied the chair, and acting as toastmaster, proposed as the first toast, "The King and Craft," after which was sung the National Anthem. Other toasts of the evening were: "The Grand Lodge," proposed by Brother P. W. L. Clark, P. W. M. and seconded by J. P. Graham, D. D. G. M.; "The Vulcan Lodge," T. Baird, P. W. M. and K. D. Allan, S. W.; "The Army and Navy," A. M. Trail, treasurer and W. A. Howes, S. D.; "The Ladies," Claude Clark, J. D. and E. M. Clark, J. W.; the toast "The Visitors," proposed by D. K. Allan, S. W., was replied to by all of the visiting brethren, and their speeches were much enjoyed. Mrs. Churchill spoke, her remarks being about the "Eastern Star" order.

Following the banquet songs were rendered by Brother W. A. Howes who sang "The New Recruits" and the "Bellringers," both numbers being highly appreciated. Mrs. P. W. L. Clark contributed "When the Heart is Young."

The concert program was followed by dancing which was kept up until the early hours of the morning. Card tables were provided for those who did not dance.

The evening may safely be regarded as the most successful that the brethren of the lodge have as yet held.

Among the visitors present were: J. P. Graham, D. D. G. M., Lethbridge; A. Hayr, P. M., Lethbridge; D. A. Simpson, W. M., Lethbridge; R. W. Long, S. W., Lethbridge; J. Harris, M. M., Lethbridge; R. Davidson, J. W., Lethbridge; T. S. Fetterley, W. M., Lethbridge; J. M. Beaubien, Champion; J. H. Miller, Champion; J. E. Lloyd, Retlaw; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Churchill, Marseilles; P. McIntyre, Ensign.

Burrows Heard From

A letter recently received from Private George W. Burrows, who was in Vulcan before enlisting with the I Company, 23rd Battalion, will be of much interest to the many boys in town who knew him.

The letter is written from Quebec, and contains an account of the daily routine through which Mr. Burrows and his company go.

Mr. Burrows, however, is not so overcome with war alarms as to forget the oil fields, for he enquires after the price of the Prudential shares. He heard that they had struck oil.

When he gets to the front the boys are to have letters from him, and they will be of great interest, especially if he fulfils his promise of the letters and sends some real sauerkraut along with them.

The letter in part is as follows:

"I just thought that I would drop you a line to let you know how the 100 boys who left Calgary to go to Quebec are getting along. They are all in fine shape and are a fine type of men. I did not think for one moment that I would pass when I saw some of the men that they turned down as unfit. But I got through alright, and we had to go through another medical examination, and I passed that too. I guess that there were about 1000 men picked over that day in Calgary just to get the 100 from."

This is the daily routine: Up at six, breakfast at seven, physical drill from eight to eight-thirty, rest until nine, nine to eleven route march through about two feet of snow with our full dress on, that is, big overcoats included, and we have to climb some hills too, the same heights that Wolfe stormed when the British captured Quebec. I don't know when we are going away, some say it will be only a few days, and some say not before the end of January."

We are glad to have this letter, and trust that there may be many more. Mr. Burrows asks for Calgary papers, so if any wish to send him one, his address is Pte. G. W. Burrows, I Company, 23rd Battalion, Quebec.

Council Meeting

The last meeting of the present council took place on Monday evening last in the office of the secretary-treasurer, when E. M. Clark, chairman, and Peter Terry were present.

The amount of business before the meeting was small, questions of bills waiting to be paid being practically all there was.

The secretary informed the meeting that he had written to the C. P. R. about filling up the water hole, also running a sidewalk from the depot to the crossing, but he had received no reply.

The following bills were read: Lindsay Hardware, \$1.35; E. G. McPherson, \$8; Crown Lumber Company, 157.80; T. B. Lebow, \$10.75; Vulcan Co-operative Society, 44.35; Wolfe & Pettman, \$5.05; Fred Smith, \$30.30; coal, \$11.35; Vulcan Advocate, \$7.20 and \$1.10; Western Municipal News, \$1; Findlay Drug Company, \$10.19; Brandon Fire Engine Company, \$30; Salaries, Constable, Secretary and Health officer.

Motion by Terry, seconded by Clark that the bills be allowed. Carried.

An account from the Calgary hospital for \$84, re R. Conde, was laid on the table for enquiry.

A bill for the payment of old sidewalks was, on a motion by Clark, seconded by Terry, referred to the board of trade for ratification.

The council then adjourned.

Hockey Match

Given favorable weather conditions, the Vulcan hockey rink will be visited by a team from the Reid Hill and Lake McGregor districts on Saturday afternoon next, who will engage Vulcan in a hockey match. Proceedings to commence at two o'clock.

Miss Phillips, of Carmangay, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kerr.

I. O. O. F. Banquet

The annual banquet given by the members of the Samaritan Lodge, Vulcan Oddfellows Lodge, took place on Thursday evening last, New Year's Eve, when there were over one hundred members and guests present.

The opening proceedings were of a private order, the lodge being in session from eight o'clock until nine. After that the doors were thrown open, and the guests were received by D.D.G.M., E. M. Clark and Mrs. Clark. A small program had been arranged, consisting of a pianoforte solo from Bro. Walter Clark, two songs by Mr. Arnold Jones, and a reading by Bro. O. L. McPherson, all of the items meeting with much appreciation. Dancing occupied the evening until 10.45 when the lodge and guests attended watch night service at 11.30, which was conducted by Bro. the Rev. D. K. Allan. The service, lasting until the new year had entered, was thoroughly enjoyed by those present, who saw in it a fitting manner of farewell to the old year and of welcome to the new. Bro. Allan's remarks were along lines suggested by the aims of the lodge.

After the service the gathering resorted to the Imperial hotel, where the banquet was prepared. The tables were tastefully laid out and there was splendid accommodation for the large crowd.

Bro. J. N. Johnstone, N. G., occupied the chair, and as toast master, proposed the first toast, "The King." Other toasts of the evening were: "Oddfellowship," Bro. E. M. Clark, D.D.G.M. and Bro. D. Doane. The "Rebekahs," Bro. W. Bowie, Warden, and Sister Mrs. W. Ritchie. "The Army and Navy," Bro. H. Mold, O. G. and Bro. A. J. Flood. "The Coming year," Bro. G. M. Carson and Bro. O. L. McPherson.

"The Visitors," Bro. E. G. McPherson, V. G. and Mr. A. J. Jones. "The Ladies," Bro. L. F. Dawson, L.S.V.G. and Bro. M. F. Earp. Bro. E. M. Clark rose to propose a toast to the hotel and staff, who had so very ably and splendidly provided the royal feast for the banquet, a toast which was ably replied to by Mr. H. Noel. Bro. D. K. Allan proposed the toast of "The Brethren at the Front," and Bro. F. Smith, treasurer, proposed "The Absent Brothers."

A reading was given by Bro. D. K. Allan, and after that the gathering returned to the Lodge rooms, where dancing was the order of the rest of the program, a program which was carried out with ardour until the early hours of the new year.

This is the most successful annual gathering the lodge have had, not the least help to that end being the care and attention given by the hotel and staff to the requirements for the banquet. They handled things in an efficient manner, and things could not have been done any better, if as well, by any hotel in the cities.

Prayers For Peace

On Sunday last in all places of worship prayers for peace were offered, and during the evening the Rev. D. K. Allan made special reference to the movement in the course of the service.

The movement was in accordance with an order-in-council which appointed Sunday, January 3rd as a day of prayer throughout Canada for the success of Great Britain and the Allies, and also for an early peace.

The order was as follows:

"Whereas our Empire has been forced to take up arms in defence of rights and liberties unjustly attacked, and to fulfil pledges most solemnly given, we, therefore believing it to be fitting that our people should be enabled to make a public and solemn avowal of duty to Almighty God, and of need of guidance, having thought fit, by and with the advice of our Privy Council of Canada, to appoint, and we do hereby appoint Sunday, the third day of January next to be throughout our Dominion of Canada, a day of humble prayer and intercession to Almighty God on behalf of the cause undertaken by

our Empire and our Allies, and of those who are offering their lives for it, and for a speedy and favorable peace that shall be founded on understanding and not hatred, to the end that peace shall endure, and we do invite all our loving subjects throughout Canada to set apart this day as a day of humble prayer and intercession."

Vulcan Man Wins Prize

Mr. J. A. Rushfeldt, of Vulcan, has been successful in carrying off the \$50 prize given by the Natural Resources department for the best plantation of trees planted on C.P.R. land outside the Irrigation Block.

Mr. Rushfeldt received notification of his success during the past week, the following letter reaching him from the Natural Resources Department, Calgary:

Dear Sir,

In connection with the tree planting competition which was instituted by this company two years ago, I have pleasure in advising you that after careful inspection, a prize of \$50 has been awarded to you for one of the best plantations on C.P.R. land outside the Irrigation Block. I enclose herewith the company's cheque for \$50.

Yours truly,

P. L. NASMITH,

Manager.

Mr. Rushfeldt is to be congratulated on his success in this line for he is one of the comparatively few residents on the prairie who seems to attach much importance to the value of trees.

The Curling Club

The curling club has played off all matches placed on the first schedule and a new one, produced herewith, is produced.

Of the games played during December the various rinks came out as follows:

	Won	Lost
Pentland	2	3
Lebow	2	3
Hall	4	1
Spooner	2	3
Wolfe	1	4
Reeves	4	1

On January first the rinks of Spooner, Lebow and Hall combined against the rinks of Reeves, Wolfe and Pentland, and played off, the victory to go the side scoring the most total points. The first named combination won with 39 points to 26. The losing rinks are to purchase a prize which is to be held by the winning rink every month.

The Thermometer

The past few days have been slightly warmer than those of the preceding week, and on one day there was a suggestion of a chinook coming from the mountains.

The readings for the past week are:

December 29,	1 above zero.
" 30,	zero.
" 31,	18 above zero.
January 1,	30
" 2,	21
" 3,	18
" 4,	11

Local and General News

The engine room at the fire hall has been re-ceilinged in order to keep the place warmer against the frost.

Mr. Jack Tompson, of High River, auctioneer, has transferred his Vulcan agency to Messrs. Flood & Whicher.

It is expected that at the Annual Congregational Meeting of the Presbyterian Church to be held on Tuesday, January 5th, Dr. Ferguson, of Calgary, will be present to address the gathering.

Mr. M. H. Kahler has been visiting Red Deer over the Christmas holidays and returned to town on New Year's Day. He informs us that on Christmas Day Mrs. Kahler presented him with a son.

Bishop McNally, who has recently returned from a visit to the Pope, has brought back with him the Order of St. Gregory the Great which honor he bestowed on Patrick Burns, of Calgary.

Messrs. Flood & Whicher report the sale of the N. W. quarter of 28-18-25 to Mr. Alfred Labelle, of Brant. The property was formerly owned by Mr. John E. Bowen, of Brant.